

Federal Communications Commission

Re: FCC Notice of Proposed Rule Making and Order (NPRM&O) in WT Docket 05-235

As a licensed Amateur Radio Operator, call sign KE7CFM, I am in favor of the proposed rule making and order eliminating the Morse code requirement for all license classes. I feel this requirement is not logical and hurts the cause of Amateur Radio.

Morse code is only one mode of operation. No other mode requires proficiency testing to obtain a license. To retain this requirement is as illogical as requiring all amateur radio operators to pass a computer proficiency test.

Emergency operations are an essential part of Amateur radio. To restrict Technician license holders from using HF bands because they do not use Morse code is not in the interest of providing emergency communications to the public.

This ruling will not eliminate the use of Morse code. The same band plan that reserves frequencies for CW use will remain in place. This rule will only allow those of us who do not use Morse code to utilize the other frequencies that have nothing to do with CW.

Thank you,

Dee Wayne Williamson